

MOTONO CONSULTS MIKADO ON ACTION TOWARD RUSSIA

Foreign Minister And Head
Of Navy Have Audience
With Emperor

JAPAN IS READY Will Take Decisive Steps As Soon As Bolsheviks Conclude Peace

(Reuter's Pacific Service)
Tokyo, February 24.—Baron Motono, the Minister for Foreign Affairs, went to Hayama this morning to report to the Emperor on the Russian situation. The Minister for the Navy was also received an audience.

The Kokusai Agency learns from a reliable source that the Maximalists are supplying arms to the German and Austrian prisoners in Siberia and that some of them among the Don-Cossacks are joining the Maximalists. Further, the munitions of war lying at Vladivostok are threatened with seizure by the Maximalists.

In the House of Representatives yesterday, in reply to an interpellation concerning the Russian situation, Baron Motono, Minister for Foreign Affairs, said in brief:

"Discrepancies are bound in the respective reports of the peace negotiations between Russia and Germany and therefore it is difficult at this moment to form a definite idea concerning the actual conclusion of peace between the two countries. Should peace actually have been concluded, it goes without saying that Japan will take steps, the most decided and most adequate, to meet the occasion.

"The withdrawal of Viscount Uchida from Petrograd is due to the unsettled and dangerous conditions prevailing there and does not mean a rupture of diplomatic relations with Russia."

"With regard to the question of the conclusion of a separate peace between Russia and the Central Powers, the fullest understanding exists with Great Britain, America and our other Allies."

Mr. Kumazaki, the Consul-General at Moscow, will represent Japan after Viscount Uchida's withdrawal from Petrograd.

Viscount Uchida returns home via Siberia.

Osaka, February 23.—Keen apprehension is felt concerning the Russian situation and share and cotton-yarn quotations slumped today.

An extra issued by the Mainichi states that the Diplomatic Missions of the Allies will soon leave Petrograd.

Ishii Formally Named Ambassador To U.S.

(Reuter's Pacific Service)
Tokyo, February 25.—Viscount Ishii has been formally appointed Ambassador at Washington.

British Plane Flies From London To Rome

(Reuter's Agency War Service)
Rome, February 22.—A British chaser-plane, which left London yesterday, has arrived. The journey was completed in six stages.

Famous French Airmen Escape From Germany

(Reuter's Agency War Service)
Amsterdam, February 22.—The famous French aviators Garros and Marchal, who flew over Berlin last year and fell near the Russian lines, have now escaped from Germany and arrived in Holland.

French Balloon Hits Cliff, Killing Two

(Reuter's Agency War Service)
Paris, February 22.—Le Temps states that a French Dirigible which was scouting near Havre on the 20th, accidentally collided with a cliff, the bombs it was carrying exploded, wounding a number of civilians. The Commander and one of the crew were killed and the Dirigible destroyed.

Congressman Enlists As Private



REPRESENTATIVE S. C. JOHNSON.

Representative S. C. Johnson, of South Dakota, is the first Congressman to enlist in the service of Uncle Sam as a private. There are several former Congressmen already in the service, but they are commissioned officers. Representative Johnson is shown about to leave for Camp Meade, Maryland, after bidding his friends at Washington good-bye.

American Labor Men Won't Take Part In London Conference

Gompers States Belief That
Meeting Now On Is Ger-
man-Inspired

(Reuter's Agency War Service)
London, February 22.—It is noteworthy that the American Socialists have refused to attend the Inter-Allied Socialist Conference in London, their leader, Mr. Samuel Gompers, telegraphing to Mr. Arthur Henderson that it is his belief that German influences inspired the London Conference and moreover the British delegation is confined to representatives of the Trade Unionists and the Labor Party.

According to the official report of the proceedings, the Chairman, Mr. Ogden, described the gathering as unique inasmuch as it marked the determination of the working classes to take a dominating part in war and peace. The Conference appointed five commissions to deal with its business, including one to deal with territorial readjustments and another to consider the convocation of the International Socialist Conference and the representation of the working classes at the peace negotiations.

M. Vandervelde, the Belgian Delegate, presiding at the Inter-Allied Socialist Conference, said that he could not ignore what the Bolsheviks have done to discredit International Socialism. Democracy made an irretrievable mistake in laying down its arms before Imperialism was defeated.

Mr. Albert Thomas, the French Socialist Leader, presided at yesterday's Inter-Allied Socialist Conference in London.

He said that a discussion in Paris had assured the certainty of agreement on a common policy, based on the war aims memorandum issued by the British Labor Party, so international and so human that the enemy Socialists would be able to accept it.

The British section of the Conference refused to allow the Independent Labor Party and the British Labor Party to be separately represented. A movement is on foot to form a British Trade Union Labor Party.

SAVE 28 FROM SHIP SUNK

(Reuter's Agency War Service)
Cadiz, Feb. 22.—Twenty-eight survivors of the Spanish steamer Mar-Caspio (2,723 tons), which was torpedoed while proceeding to New York, have been picked up at sea and landed here.

French Pierce Enemy Line By Raid On Lorraine Front; Take Men And Territory

German Offensive Not Expected Immediately By Paris
Government; British Aircraft Bring Down
Eighteen Planes

(Reuter's Agency War Service)
Paris, February 20.—The official communiqué issued this evening reports:

We repulsed a raid on Four-de-Paris, inflicting appreciable losses on the enemy.

North of Bures and east of Moncel, in Lorraine, our detachments penetrated the German lines on a wide front. The operation was brilliantly carried out and the number of prisoners counted up to the present exceeds 450.

Paris, February 21.—The official communiqué issued this afternoon reports:

We took 525 prisoners, including 11 officers, in yesterday's operations in Lorraine.

The official communiqué issued this evening reports:

There has been fairly lively reciprocal artillery along the whole front, especially in the regions of Pinon, Vauxaillon, Malmaison, Pont-aux-Français, Guencycourt and Butte du Mesnil.

Three German aeroplanes were brought down and two forced down in their own lines seriously damaged.

Paris, February 22.—A semi-official communiqué states that, although reciprocal raiding is increasing, denoting that the preparations for an offensive are becoming more marked, and the artillery duel has also increased, nothing yet indicates that the enemy is on the point of launching an offensive.

The official communiqué issued this afternoon reports:

There have been lively artillery duels along the whole front, especially in the regions of Pinon, Chevreaux, Chavignon, Butte du Mesnil, Hartmannswiller and Ladoller. There has been no infantry action.

Paris, February 24.—The official communiqué issued this afternoon reports:

There have been fairly great artillery actions in the regions of Vauxaillon, Chavignon, Butte-du-Mesnil and on the left of the Meuse.

In Upper Alsace our detachments valiantly penetrated at Pont d'Aspach and in the region northwest of Pache-Bas, where they destroyed the German organizations, set fire to several dug-outs, inflicted losses on the enemy and brought back prisoners.

London, February 20.—Field Mar-

shal Sir Douglas Haig reports this evening:

We repulsed a raid eastward of Armentières.

The hostile artillery has been active at St. Quentin and La Bassée. Aviation.—Yesterday we bombed an aerodrome northward of Douai, a dump northeastward of Lille and dropped forty bombs on enemy billets.

We brought down eleven machines and drove down another. Our infantry also brought down a night bombing machine. Two of our machines are missing.

One hundred and fifty bombs were dropped during the night on an important railway center southeastward of Cambrai and enemy billets northward of Douai.

We also made a fresh successful attack on Thionville station. Twenty-six heavy bombs were dropped on the railway station, causing a large explosion and two fires. Despite a considerable fire from the enemy guns all our machines returned.

Today our aeroplanes dropped a ton of bombs on the factories and station at Piri Asers in Germany. Hits were obtained near the station, gasworks and factories, where a large fire broke out. All our machines returned.

London, February 21. Noon.—Field Marshal Sir Douglas Haig reports:

The New Zealanders have carried out a successful raid eastward of Polygon Wood, taking a few prisoners. The hostile artillery has been active at Flesquières.

Field Marshal Sir Douglas Haig reports this evening:

We repulsed raiders southward of Armentières.

Our patrols elsewhere brought in a number of prisoners.

The enemy artillery has been active in the neighborhoods of St. Quentin, the Arras-Cambrai Road, Lens, Armentières and Ypres.

A break in the weather prevented flying, excepting observations for artillery purposes.

London, February 22.—Field Mar-

shal Sir Douglas Haig reports this evening:

The hostile artillery has been active in the neighborhoods of Arras-Cambrai Road, La Bassée and Ypres. Aviation.—Yesterday our aeroplanes dropped 300 bombs on enemy billets.

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Firearms Forbidden In Two Irish Counties

General Mahon Places Ban On
Weapons And Munitions In
Galway And Tipperary

(Reuter's Agency War Service)
London, February 23.—An order signed by General Sir Bryan Mahon, Commander-in-Chief in Ireland, has been gazetted in Dublin prohibiting the carrying or keeping of firearms, munitions and explosives in the Counties of Galway and Tipperary.

Ladysmith Flooded By Rising River Klip

(Reuter's Agency War Service)
Cape Town, February 21.—In the House of Assembly today General Botha, the Premier, announced that owing to the Klip River overflowing, half the town of Ladysmith is under water from two to five feet deep, a number of houses have subsided and eighty-five families are destitute.

FRENCH TRANSPORT SUNK

(Reuter's Agency War Service)
Paris, February 20.—The transport Dives was torpedoed on the 1st when on a voyage to Bougie, in Algeria, from Marseilles, with an escorted convoy. No submarine was sighted. There were 339 passengers, including 301 troops, on board, and a crew of 55 men. One hundred and ten persons are missing.

The Weather

Misty, damp and milder. The maximum temperature yesterday was 77.2 and the minimum 44.6, the figures for the corresponding day last year being 57.7 and 32.6.

Ex-Queen Of Portugal Barred From British War Hospitals



Augustine Victoria, consort of the deposed monarch of Portugal, King Manuel, has been barred from visiting various war hospitals in England. She is a Hohenzollern by birth. Her father, Prince William of Hohenzollern, particularly distinguished himself by expressions of hatred of everything British. Her brother was an officer on the German raiding Emden and is now a prisoner in an English camp. The photo is a recent one of ex-King Manuel and the ex-Queen Augustine Victoria.

JERICHO CAPTURED BY BRITISH FORCES

City Of Sacred Memories, Fifteen Miles From Jerusalem,
Entered By Australians

(Reuter's Agency War Service)
London, Feb. 22.—Jericho has been captured. An official despatch from Palestine reports:

Our forces, advancing on Thursday morning, encountered small opposition and at 8.30 a.m. Australian Mounted Infantry entered Jericho and established themselves on the line of the Jordan and Wadi Auja.

The weather is bad. Our casualties on Wednesday were slight. Forty-six Turks were taken prisoners.

We have extended our positions north and northeastward of Jerusalem.

The capture of Jericho is of considerable military importance because it insures to us a commanding position at the head of the comparatively level ground parallel with the Valley of the Jordan, while it also constitutes another severe blow for the Turks, who, unless they are far more disorganized than there is reason to hope, will probably bring up formidable reinforcements to oppose our further advance. A noteworthy fact is that the whole of the newly captured district was the private property of the Sultan of Turkey.

London, February 21.—An official despatch from Palestine reports: Our advance eastward of Jerusalem was resumed yesterday despite heavy rainstorms, a difficult country and the enemy's obstinate resistance and we progressed a depth of 2½ miles on a front of eight miles, to within four miles of Jericho, fifteen miles northeast of Jerusalem.

Simultaneously we advanced a mile on a front of four miles westward of the Jerusalem-Nablus Road. Our air-service co-operated and bombed the enemy camps and depots 10½ miles east-north-east of Jericho.

Our losses on Tuesday were very slight. Our losses yesterday have not yet been reported.

Our operations continue. London, February 23.—An official despatch from Palestine reports: The enemy from Jericho has retired northwards of the Wadi Auja, leaving posts on the high ground of the left bank.

They have also retired eastward across the Jordan, holding the bridgehead of El Ghoraniye.

PLAGUE STATUS NOT BAD, SAYS HEALTH OFFICER

Dr. Stanley Thinks Situation
Favorable But Fengyang
Cases Bring Danger Near

The Plague situation, so far as it affects the Yangtze Valley and Shanghai, is on the whole favorable just at present, Dr. Arthur Stanley, Municipal Health Officer, stated last night.

"The local stations on the Tientsin-Pukow line have been closed," said Dr. Stanley, "and no fresh cases have been reported since these first recorded at Fengyang. Two doctors are now working in that place and the railway officials and physicians are doing all that can be done. The Government authorities too seem to have taken the problem up fairly well.

"A most favorable feature in the general situation is that we have passed the Chinese New Year without further outbreaks of the plague. It was to have been expected that the holiday season with great numbers of the Chinese moving about from place to place would have brought other outbreaks, but no definite knowledge of any such has come to hand. Also, the disease seems to be dying out in the places of its origin, either as a result of the measures taken or because it has simply run its course as in the Manchurian epidemic. So on the whole the situation is favorable and it is principally a matter of effective railway quarantine."

Speaking of the advance of the disease to Fengyang, Dr. Stanley admitted its gravity from the standpoint of the Yangtze Valley.

"As a matter of fact it is very near," he said, "being only about 100 miles from Pukow. The facts of the leakage through the quarantine have not yet been explained but it is plain that there was leakage somewhere, and it might quite conceivably have come as far as Shanghai, since the period of incubation would just about permit an infected person to travel this far."

450,000 IN BRITISH NAVY

(Reuter's Agency War Service)
London, February 22.—The Navy Estimates provide for 450,000 men.

GERMANS DEMAND NEW CONCESSIONS FROM BOLSHIEVIKI

Revised Peace Proposal
Submitted Together With
48-Hour Ultimatum

TERMS MERCILESS

Russia Must Give Up More
Territory Than Originally Asked

RUSSIANS TO FIGHT?

People's Councils Order
Enemy Be Resisted At
Any Cost

(Reuter's Agency War Service)
London, February 24.—A Russian wireless message states:

In reply to the proposals made by Russia on the 19th, Germany on the 21st intimated her readiness to conclude peace on the following terms:

1. Germany and Russia declare the state of war at an end.

2. (a) The regions west of the line indicated at Brest-Litovsk to the Russian delegation, formerly belonging to Russia, are no longer under the territorial protection of Russia.

(b) In the region of Dvinsk this line must be advanced to the eastern frontier of Courland.

(c) Germany and Austria-Hungary will define the further fate of these regions in agreement with their populations.

3. Livonia and Estonia must be immediately cleared of Russian troops and Red Guards and be occupied by German police till security has been guaranteed by their constitutions.

4. Russia will conclude peace with the Ukraine and evacuate the Ukraine and Finland.

5. Russia will do her utmost to secure the orderly return of the Eastern Anatolian frontiers to Turkey.

6. Complete demobilisation of the Russian army.

7. The Russian Fleets, including warships belonging to the Entente, must be kept in Russian harbors till a general peace has been concluded or disarmed.

8. (a) The Russo-German Commercial Treaty of 1904 comes into force.

(b) Free export of ores must be guaranteed.

(c) Legal and political relations are to be regulated in accordance with the first convention between Germany and Russia.

10. Russia promises to end the propaganda against the Quadruplex.

11. The above conditions must be accepted within forty-eight hours and the Russian Plenipotentiaries must sign at Brest-Litovsk within three days a Treaty of Peace which must be ratified within a fortnight.

Army To Be Raised

Petrograd, Feb. 22.—The Council of the People's Commissaries has issued a proclamation which says the Republic is in the gravest danger. It calls for everyone to defend their positions to the last drop of blood, to remove rolling stock and destroy the railways behind them and even provisions which are in danger of falling into the hands of the enemy. Orders are given to raise battalions to dig trenches, these battalions to include all the bourgeois classes, men and women, under the surveillance of the Red Guards. Persons who are to be shot.

"All the bourgeois class, male and female, must be made to carry out the work of defence under Red Guards. Foreign agents, speculators, loiterers, counter-Revolutionaries and German spies must be shot at sight. The local Soviets must see that these decisions are carried out."

The naval authorities have given up hope of active operations by the Russian fleet, which is completely disorganised.

The Commissaries of the people have appointed a special General Staff for the District of Petrograd and martial law has been established under which "the counter-revolutionary elements will be extirpated without difficulty."

The whole population is mobilised for defence works.

An extraordinary session of the Soviet Parliament considered recent

events. Sverdloff, who presided, said that now that the mask has been called from Germany nothing remained but to save the Republic. The Parliament passed resolutions approving the acts of the executive and expressing their reliance on the workmen, soldiers and peasants supporting the authority of the Soviets.

The Bolshevik Commissaries, in a further proclamation, declare that the ideas of the enemy concerning peace are based on usurpation and violence.

It denounces the German offensive as a raid of brigandage and accuses the bourgeoisie of a sympathetic attitude towards Germany in order to overthrow the Revolution. The Commissaries renew their appeals to the Soviets to organize an army, to expel the harmful elements, to strain every nerve to improve supplies, and to exercise severe discipline throughout the country.

A Russian official communique states that Krylenko, the Maximilian Commander-in-Chief, orders the mobilization of the Revolution in the form of a guerrilla warfare in every street, village and town if the Germans refuse to conclude peace.

Germans Advance 50 Miles
London, February 21.—The Germans have advanced an average of 50 miles in Russia since they resumed operations on the 18th.

The only point where anything resembling resistance was encountered was at Lemsaal, where a small body of Russian troops fought against overwhelming odds for a short time.

Leal, near Matzai Bay, is 60 miles southwest of Reval and 15 miles from the coast.

Venden is 45 miles northeast of Riga, on the Petrograd Railway. Volmar, on the same railway, is 20 miles north of Venden and 12 miles from the coast.

Unofficial reports state that the Germans are advancing in the direction of Vitebsk, 150 miles southeast of Dvinsk and 90 miles north of Mohileff, their scouts have appeared near Polotsk, half-way between Vitebsk (?) and Dvinsk, while Molodetchno, 110 miles southward of Dvinsk, is stated to be in the hands of the Germans and their cavalry is moving on to Mohileff. They have also captured Rielitza, 60 miles northeast of Dvinsk, and are advancing on Pakoff.

Everywhere except at Lemsaal the Russian troops apparently bolted, abandoning their guns and material. Meanwhile instead of organizing a resistance, the Bolshevik Government is engaged in publishing feeble and futile protests and in massacring its compatriots.

It appears that the telegram depicting the German terms was sent to Berlin without consulting the Bolshevik Parliament. The decision of the People's Commissaries was settled by Trotsky, who previously favored fighting to the last, unexpectedly voting on the other side. The Government then convoked only their own party groups. The Maximilian leader, Lenin, communicating the decision of the People's Commissaries, said that the only way to secure the results of the Revolution was to make peace: thus the Government could continue civil war against its enemies in Russia and crush them before Germany, in alliance with Western Imperialists, crushed the revolution.

Petrograd To Fall In Ten Days
The population of Petrograd, starving, tortured and harassed by the Bolsheviks, seems completely indifferent to the approach of the Germans, whose arrival in the Capital is expected within ten days.

It is reported in Petrograd that a German fleet of 45 ships in steaming towards Reval and the German descent on Finland is expected.

In the Austrian Reichsrath the Premier, Dr. Seidler, stated that Germany was resolved to march further into Estonia and Livonia in order to help her co-nationals there. He said that 20,000 prisoners of war had already arrived on the Austrian frontier. The stream continues and it was hoped that their prisoners-of-war in Russia would soon be back in Austria-Hungary, while the fairly large number of prisoners in the Ukraine would likewise be speedily returned to their own country.

Germans' Story Of Advance
London, February 24 (By Wireless).—A German official communique reports:

We advanced by forced marches in Estonia, the enemy resisting at some points. We are approaching Reval. We took 1,000 prisoners and liberated 600 Austrians and Germans at Valka.

We have occupied Ostrov, 33 miles south of Pakoff.

We took 1,000 prisoners at Balbino, eastward of Dvinsk. We have occupied Borissov.

General von Linsingen's troops have entered Iskorost.

London, February 23.—(By wireless). A German official communique reports: Our troops in Estonia are pressing eastwards. We have occupied Wark, in Livonia, and Dubno. Earlier German communique reported:

We have occupied Leal, near Matzai Bay, in Estonia, reached Pernigal and Lemsaal, on the Gulf of Riga, traversed Venden and are approaching Wolmar and, between Dvinsk and Pinsk, are pressing eastward.

General von Linsingen reports the occupation of important railway and road junctions.

Rovno has been cleared of the enemy.

Our prisoners included a general, 425 officers, 8,700 men and our booty

1,453 guns, 4,500 motor-cars and a thousand railway carriages, many of them laden with food.

We have occupied Hapsal in Estonia. The 1st Estonian Regiment has placed itself at the disposal of the German command.

We are beyond Rönneburg, Wolmar and Spandau.

We entered Riezita, 55 miles northeast of Dvinsk, amidst the rejoicings of the inhabitants and, from that place, advanced to Ljuzin.

We have occupied Minak. We have entered Estonia and passed through Venden.

Lenin Favored Peace

Petrograd, February 20.—It transpires that Lenin was the chief advocate in favor of accepting the German demands. He declared that it was necessary to sign a peace in order to save the Revolution and Soviet authority. Five of the Bolshevik Commissioners voted for the acceptance of the terms demanded by the Quadruplex and four against. The Russian troops are reported to be abandoning their posts.

General Yanuskevitch, formerly Chief of Staff, was murdered by Red Guards in the train in which he was being brought to Petrograd for imprisonment.

Amsterdam, February 21.—In the Reichstag yesterday the National Liberal deputy, Herr Streammann, insisted that the Bolsheviks evacuate Finland, Livonia, Estonia and the Ukraine before Germany resumes peace negotiations.

The Conservative, Count Westarp, boasted that the peace concluded with the Ukraine finally broke down the blockade.

Amsterdam, February 22.—Germany admits receipt of a document confirming Russia's offer of peace, which is signed by Lenin and Trotsky.

It is semi-officially stated that Germany will not reply immediately. Baron von Kuhlmann, meanwhile being otherwise engaged at Bukharest.

Amsterdam, February 22.—The Lokal Anzeiger states that after the Conference with Count Czernin, the Austrian Minister of Foreign Affairs, and General Averescu, the Rumanian Premier, at Bucharest, Baron von Kuhlmann, who has gone to Bucharest, expects to renew the negotiations with Russia at Brest-Litovsk if the Russians undertake to accept the terms laid down by the Quadruplex.

The Vienna correspondent of the Vossische Zeitung says that the statement made by Dr. Seidler, the Austrian Premier, that Chalm had not been ceded to the Ukraine, has not eased the situation. There were wild scenes in the Reichsrath, the Slavs and Czechs shouting down the Premier, shrieking "Lies," "Treachery." One Czech Socialist Deputy had to be forcibly removed.

Two New Japanese Destroyers Launched

Reuter's Pacific Service
Tokio, February 23.—The destroyers Kuwa and Tsubaki were launched today at Kure dock-yard.

INTERN GERMANS, SAYS HONGKONG BANK HEAD

Chairman Expresses Hope That Action Will Be Taken To Suppress Enemy Subjects

Reuter's Pacific Service
Hongkong, February 24.—At the annual meeting of the Hongkong and Shanghai Bank yesterday afternoon the Chairman congratulated China on her declaration of war against Germany, the moral significance of which transcends its material importance.

He hoped that the Chinese Government, in its own interests as well as in those of its Allies, would take immediate steps to intern or deport all enemy subjects still on Chinese territory. The numerous outrages engineered and connived at by Germans in Allied and neutral countries taught us the danger of allowing liberty of movement to such savage and unscrupulous foes as the Germans have proved themselves to be.

Alluding to the revenues of China last year, the Chairman observed that about eight million dollars of the Salt Revenue collected in 1917 was appropriated by certain provinces for their own needs, without regard to the authority of either the Salt Administration or the Central Government, a fact which should be set against any too sanguine inferences drawn from the figures of China's Revenue. So long as the control of the Central Government over the more remote provinces was ineffective and they were allowed to assert their independence upon every pretext, this practice would certainly continue and possibly increase. "It is one which we must hope has the serious attention of the Chinese Government as affecting its principal revenue and one of the gravest features of the situation with which it has to deal."

Col. Repington Fined With Editor Of Post

Must Pay £100 Each For Violating Order Of British Censorship

(Reuter's Agency War Service)
London, February 21.—Colonel Repington and Mr. H. A. Gwynne, editor of the Morning Post, have been fined £100 each and ordered to pay forty guineas and fifty guineas costs, respectively. The court, referring to the defendant's argument that the information complained of was already known in Germany, said that private individuals had no right to refuse to observe a statutory prohibition and regretted that a distinguished soldier like Colonel Repington forgot for a moment to be a good citizen.

The Morning Post and Colonel Repington have decided not to appeal.

'The House Of Glass'

By Domino
When Tim Frawley stepped upon the stage of the Lyceum Theater last night a crowded house greeted him with applause that held up the dialogue for several seconds. That showed how pleased we were to see him back again even before we knew what sort of a company he had brought.

Before the action of the play had advanced far the audience realised that once again Frawley had gathered a fine combination. It is almost impossible not to make comparisons with the cast he brought here last June. I know we had Miss Lang, I remember we had Holliday, but with all that there is not the shadow of doubt that the present combination is altogether stronger and much better balanced.

The play gives 12 people something to do and not one weak spot could be discerned. Leaving the plot out of it—enough to say that it is gripping from A to Z—the players are fine. In Miss Kathryn Browne-Decker the company has an actress of remarkable and intense power. She held the house spellbound in all the big emotional scenes, especially with the work in Act II. Her elocution was good, but the abandonment of her acting at times gave a wierd quality to her voice that did not give complete satisfaction, but she is of the stuff of which great actresses are made.

Henry Mortimer took the lead. He has a fine presence, a compelling interest and wonderful restraint. I liked him immensely. What a dear Frawley is! He just captured our hearts afresh with his voice and his droll manner. I want to say lots of things about the show, it was all so good, but somehow I cannot do it justice. Go along and see "The House of Glass," then you will feel as I feel. Then you will welcome Reynolds Denniston back and admire his strong acting as Carroll; you will recognise in William D. Howard an actor that is convincing; you will revel in the little character studies of Miss Edna Keeley and Miss Valentine Sydney, and you will appreciate to the full the powerful work of G. A. Forbes as "James Burke."

Tonight the company repeats the bill and it can be strongly recommended.

Mail Notices

MAILS CLOSE

Per Japan:—
Per N.Y.K. s.s. Omi Maru Feb. 26
Per N.Y.K. s.s. Okuzen M. Feb. 28
Per R.V.P. s.s. Penma Mar. 1
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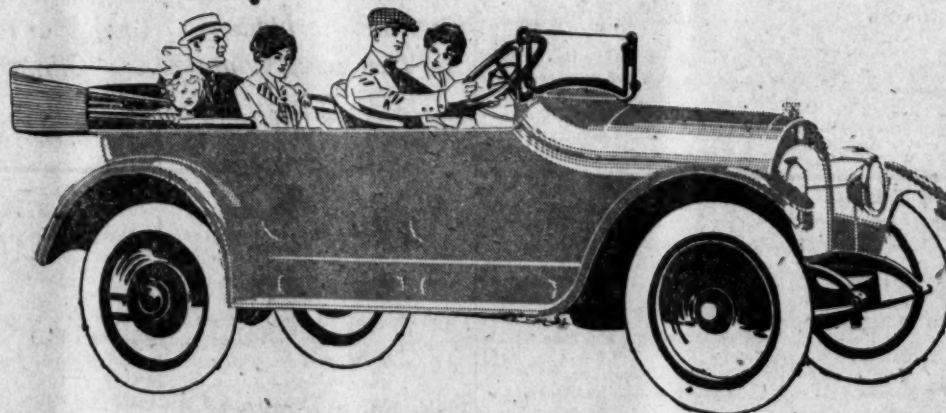
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WILSON FOR ONE BODY TO DIRECT WAR MOVES

President Sees Grave Danger
To Allies Unless Single
Command Is Created

(Reuter's Agency War Service)
Peking, February 21.—The following telegrams received by wireless from San Diego, Cal., dated February 19, have been handed to Reuter's Agency by the American Legation: Washington.—It is known unofficially that President Wilson is convinced that the Allied cause will be in grave danger unless a central body is created for the conduct of the war.

Mr. Baker, Secretary for War, has officially inspected Camps Gordon, Wheeler and Hancock, where he found conditions good.

Forty-four additional Tuscania survivors are reported.

A list of the Tuscania missing, revised by the Associated Press, against available official records, shows that thirty-seven men, formerly unaccounted for, were survivors.

Washington.—The War Department regulations have been amended to permit the serving of liquor to officers and men in the homes of themselves or their friends outside camp zones.

The Government has appealed to ice manufacturers to save ammonia. American Front, France.—A sentry frustrated a German attempt to ambush an American patrol. Machine-guns dispersed the enemy, inflicting casualties. It is believed that there were no American casualties.

New York.—The War Trade Board has granted the Red Cross Society the right to trade with the enemy in order to facilitate the sending of comforts to American prisoners in Germany and German prisoners in America.

London.—A despatch from Stockholm states that the Germans intend to intervene immediately in Finland. Kriemko has instructed the Russian soldiers, when encountering invading Germans, first to make a proposal of peace to the enlisted men and then, if this meets with no response, vigorously to resist.

Geneva.—The German Crown Prince has telegraphed congratulations to the almsmen who raided London.

The following telegrams received by wireless from San Diego, Cal., dated February 20, have been handed to Reuter's Agency by the American Legation:

Berlin.—The movement of German troops into Russia continues. The Germans have entered Estonia and passed the Werder.

Manila.—Governor Harrison has seized nine German and Austrian firms on behalf of the Alien Enemy Property Custodian.

American Front, France.—The Germans have again attempted a raid but they were discovered. The American artillery, responding to signals laid a heavy barrage and the Germans retired, leaving a red marked path behind them. Enemy aeroplanes flew over the entire position repeatedly. An American aeroplane sprayed the enemy trenches with machine-gun bullets.

'BUY WAR BONDS'

(Reuter's Agency War Service)
London, February 21.—Mr. A. Bonar Law, Chancellor of the Exchequer, in an appeal to the public to buy War Bonds, says: "At this moment it is more imperative than ever that we at home should do our part to support the great cause for which those dear to us are fighting and suffering."

Japanese Factories Now Almagamating

Big Move Is Preparatory To
Meeting Economic Conditions
After The War

(Reuter's Agency War Service)
Tokio, February 23.—In view of economic conditions after the War, there is a strong tendency here for the amalgamation of factories. Already there have been nineteen cases of the amalgamation of dye-stuff factories representing a capital of ¥47,405,000, thirty of factories interested in the chemical industry with a total capital of ¥294,625,000, of machinery factories having an aggregate capital of ¥4,030,000 and several others.

GERMANS FACE SERIOUS OBSTACLES, SAYS BAKER

Will Find West Front Different
From Russia And
Italy

(Reuter's Agency War Service)
Washington, February 20.—Secretary of War Baker, in his weekly review, points out that Germany and the Allies are apparently ready for an offensive in the West, where the bulk of the German forces are now assembled. The advice received show that the German Staff hopes, by massing a large number of shock battalions, who have received intensive training, to deliver a crushing blow. But many of these units are wholly untrained in western warfare and the Secretary for War emphasises that far greater obstacles will be encountered than when Germany broke through in Russia and Italy, when both breaks were achieved only after the morale of the forces opposed to them had been undermined.

The important body of German cavalry in the vicinity of Riga leads to the belief that the Germans may advance on Petrograd.

The Russian contingents are evacuating the centers they hold in Armenia, south of the Black Sea, and Trebizond will probably fall into the hands of the Turks.

Large contingents of Arabs are joining the Sheik of Mecca, who is co-operating with the British.

The Associated Press correspondent at Washington announces that the low point of available Allied shipping has been passed a fortnight earlier than was expected and officials are now confident that in future the amount of shipping will steadily increase.

PRIZE CARGO RELEASED

(Reuter's Agency War Service)
London, February 20.—The Prize Court has ordered the release of coconut oil valued at £120,000 seized in the steamer Bonna and five other neutral vessels which were on voyages from the Dutch East Indies to Sweden. The President of the Prize Court, Sir Samuel Evans, disagreed with the contention of the Crown that raw materials destined for a neutral country for manufacture and consumption there were liable to condemnation on the ground that a similar article might or would consequently be exported to the enemy by other citizens of that country.

U-BOATS' GREATEST FEAR IS BRITISH DESTROYER

Has Been Most Effective Check
Against Submarines,
Says Jellicoe

(Reuter's Agency War Service)
London, February 20.—Speaking at the Aldwych Club today Admiral Sir John Jellicoe emphasised that destroyers were the great antidote for submarines. The Germans feared the British destroyer more than anything in the world. With regard to fighting on the surface, we had dragged the tail of our coat across Heligoland Bight often enough but the enemy had not taken the invitation.

When the war broke out, he continued, 900 German ships were in foreign ports, of which only 158 returned to Germany. Around the British Isles every day there were a thousand ships as targets for submarines, but never a target for ours.

In the House of Commons Mr. A. Bonar Law stated that the First Lord of the Admiralty, Sir Eric Geddes, went to the Mediterranean three weeks ago in connection with the work of the navy there. He expected to return next week.

Replying to suggestions that the First Lord of the Admiralty should not be absent from England, Mr. Bonar Law stated that the Government was of opinion what the services of the First Lord were at present more useful in the Mediterranean, where our chief losses have been sustained.

Can't Stop All Raids By Enemy Ships, He Says

(Reuter's Agency War Service)
London, February 20.—In the House of Commons today Mr. Arthur Lynch asked for information regarding the recent German raid on the Channel.

Mr. T. J. Macnamara, Parliamentary Secretary to the Admiralty, replied that an answer would involve a detailed account of our dispositions, which it was not desirable to give. The contention that German raiders and submarines could operate successfully in the Channel and Straits of Dover was entirely unjustified by the facts, obviously, no matter how completely we controlled the sea, we could not always prevent such attacks on a dark night. The Admiralty had every reason to be satisfied with the results achieved in recent weeks by the Admiral commanding at Dover.

KAISER MAKES APPEAL

(Reuter's Agency War Service)
Amsterdam, February 21.—In reply to a message of congratulation from the Agricultural League, the Kaiser exhorted the people to close home their ranks for the last great fight.

British War Expenses Now £6,384,000 A Day

(Reuter's Agency War Service)
London, February 20.—In the House of Commons today Mr. A. Bonar Law, Chancellor of the Exchequer, stated that the daily average national expenditure for the four weeks ending February 16 was £6,384,000.

In a speech on the army estimates Mr. J. I. McPherson, Parliamentary Secretary to the War Office, mentioned that the following purchases were made last year:—

Manufactures:	£270,000,000
for the Allies	
Including	£26,000,000
Raw Materials:	£113,000,000
Wool:	£85,000,000
Preserved Meat:	£12,000,000

He also said that our captures last year included 168 heavy howitzers, 68 heavy guns, 437 field guns, 1,000 trench-mortars and nearly 3,000 machine-guns.

BRITISH FLYING MEN SHUNNED BY GERMANS

Activity Of Flyers On All Fronts
Causes Much Anxiety Among
Enemy Forces

(Reuter's Agency War Service)
London, February 21.—In the House of Commons today Major Baird, Parliamentary Secretary to the Air Board, mentioned that in September last the British airmen on the West front definitely destroyed 139 enemy machines, drove down 122 out of control and in a single day enabled our artillery successfully to engage 127 enemy batteries. They also destroyed or damaged many gun-pits and caused sixty explosions of ammunition. Our airmen took nearly 16,000 photographs of the West front in September.

Major Baird paid a tribute to the activity of naval airmen, whom the German submarines are most anxious to shun.

He added that what he had said about the West front could be said about every other theater of war. The air force was entitled to the admiration of the whole Empire, every part of which was represented in the Flying Corps. The Australian air squadrons had rendered invaluable service and many very efficient airmen came from Canada, South Africa, New Zealand and India. The comradeship of the air had spun another strand in the invisible thread binding the Empire together.

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VERDUN ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATED IN FRANCE

(Reuter's Agency War Service)
Paris, February 22.—The second anniversary of the opening of the Battle of Verdun, which was commemorated yesterday, finds, says the Times, the French army several miles nearer to the line from which the German Crown Prince launched

ed his great offensive on February 21, 1916, and the fortress town, "the key to the defence of France," freed definitely from the menace of the Germans.

In August, September and November, 1917, a series of attacks with definite objectives were made on both banks of the Meuse, which were crowned with great success. Towns, villages, woods and hills, which in the German advance had been scenes of bloody struggles, were

wrested from the enemy with, by contrast, comparative ease, and once more were included in the defences of Verdun. Morthomme, Hill 344, Hill 304, Cumieres, Corbeau, Camard, Chaums and Fosses Woods are among some of those battle-grounds of 1916 which were fought over and won by the French army of Verdun in 1917. An in addition to the territory thus restored to France, between ten thousand and eleven thousand German officers and men were taken prisoners and great masses of military material captured.

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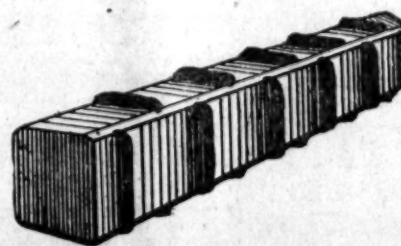
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BRITISH MAKE RAIDS ON THE ITALIAN FRONT

Have Destroyed 58 Enemy Airplanes Since Taking Over Line

(Reuter's Agency War Service)
Rome, February 21.—An official communiqué reports:
British and Italian aeroplanes have attacked the aviation-camps at Lacomina, Vismadello and Motta di Livenza. A hydroplane dropped two tons of bombs on the latter.

Enemy aeroplanes have bombed Vicenza, Mestre, Venezia and Treviso, and also Padova three times, obtaining a few victims and doing considerable damage.

A night of Italian aeroplanes effectively bombed the railway-station at Innsbruck.

London, February 22.—An official despatch from British Headquarters in Italy reports:

During the past week we have made successful raids across the Piave, taking some prisoners.

Our aeroplanes made several successful bombing raids and also destroyed a dirigible-ahead.

Since we arrived in Italy we have destroyed fifty-eight enemy aeroplanes, driven down many others and lost eight.

Peking, February 21.—Reuter's Agency has received the following telegram, dated Rome, February 20, from an authoritative Italian source:

The Austrian press continues to discuss the imminent big offensive of the Central Powers, endeavoring to gauge the scope of the operations, while enlarging on technical difficulties.

Swiss military circles are also discussing the coming offensive on the Western front and advance the hypothesis that the Austro-German attack will be directed towards the Italian front rather than toward the French, as the former is the more vulnerable.

King Albert of Belgium has been visiting the Italian front. His Majesty expresses admiration of the high morale of the Italian troops and of the results obtained since the holding up of the enemy on the Piave.

News from Trieste depicts the terrible economic conditions prevailing in that province: continual petitions for provisions from Hungary, the people lamenting that none of the materials requisitioned in the Italian occupied territory have been distributed in Trieste. Even patients in civilian hospitals are starving. Conditions in Istria are equally serious. Various hunger strikes have taken place in Pola, where the police arrested women and children who were clamoring for bread.

Reuter's Agency has received the following telegram, dated Rome, February 20, from an authoritative source:

The Italian naval command reports a new feat accomplished in enemy waters, that is to say within the Dalmatian Archipelago. An Italian submarine lay in ambush near the island of Lussin and observed an enemy convoy with numerous escort. The submarine torpedoed a big enemy transport which was struck at the prow. The submarine was immediately attacked by the escorting ships and by aircraft. It sank but rose again to

ascertain the fate of the torpedoed ship. The latter had sunk and the submarine had just time to descend again to avoid being rammed by a torpedo boat near which it had risen.

The recruiting of class 1900 will close on February 28, so that shortly there will be under arms in Italy the classes from 1874 to 1900. To the new batch of recruits it will be possible to add more men from workshops and rear lines. Besides women and children there are 600,000 men now employed in war industries who have been invalided home or not accepted for physical reasons.

SOLDIERS' GRAVES TO BE GIVEN HEADSTONES

British War Graves Commission Approves Report Made For Honoring The Fallen

(Reuter's Agency War Service)
London, February 22.—A meeting of the Imperial War Graves Commission yesterday, at which the Prince of Wales presided, approved the report of Lieut.-Colonel Sir Frederick Kenyon, making a recommendation with regard to the provision of memorials in cemeteries that general supervision of such constructional work shall be given to the architects Mr. Reginald Blomfield, Sir Edwin Lutyens and Mr. Herbert Baker. It was announced that the Government has undertaken to bear the cost of laying out and maintaining British military cemeteries abroad and providing suitable headstones.

Sir Frederick Kenyon's report recommends equality of treatment in the headstones on the graves of officers and men and the erection of central memorials in each cemetery in addition to individual headstones. Regiments and other military formations have been asked to send suggestions for the design of headstones. It was stated that some, if not all the Dominions, would decide on headstones representing the Dominion rather than the individual.

The meeting considered special questions arising in connection with the graves of Indian soldiers.

British Party Wants Close Imperial Unity

(Reuter's Agency War Service)
London, February 21.—The Imperial policy adopted by the National Party advocates closer imperial unity with a permanent machinery for that purpose; secondly, unity of the Empire in defence and a policy of mutual aid with a view to the development of the natural resources, food staples and raw materials; thirdly, the investment of British capital within the Empire and, fourthly, encouraging the flow of emigration to the Dominions and the establishment of a permanent machinery for land settlement in the Colonies overseas. Finally it condemns the injustice of the double income tax.

Unclaimed Cablegrams

Eastern Telegraph Company
Jan. 30.—Stewart; Forfar.
Feb. 10.—Shvaz; Changchun.
Feb. 18.—Takase, 277, Takanri, Kai-suru, Funje; Dalren.

TWO WOMEN INJURED ESCAPING FROM FIRE

Trapped In Upper Story, They Suffer Seriously In Leap- ing To Ground

Two women were seriously injured by leaping from the verandah of a burning house in one of the five fires to which the Brigade answered calls on Sunday.

The injuries were the result of an outbreak at 12.30 a.m. in a Chinese firewood shop at 320-1 North Shan Road. The women were caught on the upper floor and unable to get down the staircase. They were taken to the Hospital in critical condition. The fire destroyed the shop and damaged a joss house at No. X319, a general store at K317-18 and a wine redown at P204 of Tong Dong Ka. Long more or less badly.

The ceiling beneath Mr. Figge's smoking room in his apartments in the Deutsche Asiatische Bank building took fire from the hearth and was reported at 5.21 a.m., one jet being sufficient to extinguish the outbreak.

Four matchboxes were destroyed and a quantity of machinery and stores damaged in a fire among the contractors' sheds at the Shanghai Cotton Manufacturing Company's plant at 90 Yangtszepoo Road early in the afternoon. There was a small outbreak among some waste at the Ewo Cotton Spinning and Weaving Co. cotton mill at 48 Yangtszepoo Road at the same time. The Hongkew Co. of the Brigade stopping to handle it while en route to the other fire.

The last blaze of the day was reported at 9.46 p.m. and proved to be in the Continental Hotel kitchen where some fat had overboiled. Little work by the Brigade was required.

A trivial outbreak in a Chinese dwelling at LA54 Yeh Kwei Lee, reported at 9.39 a.m. yesterday, was extinguished with a hand pump.

Germans Dislodged By British In Africa

(Reuter's Agency War Service)
London, February 23.—An official despatch from East Africa reports:

We dislodged the enemy in Lujenda Valley and forced their retirement southwards towards the Upper Lurio River.

We have taken some prisoners in the vicinity of Mtarika, and Luvuwula Boma.

The Portuguese have reoccupied Maloktera.

The British are following up the main body of the enemy along northward of the Lurio River.

NO PEACE TALK WHILE MILITARISTS REIGN

Lord Milner Appeals For Stronger Effort To Crush Prussianism, Freedom's Enemy

(Reuter's Agency War Service)
London, February 22.—Speaking on war aims at Plymouth yesterday Lord Milner deprecated side-talk about details of peace negotiations when the German military party is again more firmly in the saddle and when we are fighting for the very lives and very existence of the free nations of Western Europe.

The single object of the militarists, openly proclaimed, was to deal Italy, France and Great Britain a knockout blow, thereby securing domination throughout Europe and the greater part of Asia and enabling the establishment of a military despotism over the whole world. It was not now a question of destroying Prussian militarism but whether Prussianism

would destroy us, sweeping away everything for which the freedom-loving nations have striven for centuries to attain.

Lord Milner foreshadowed greater efforts and much greater hardships in the near future and therefore he appealed for a more perfect co-ordination of effort on the part of all the Allies, the suppression of domestic discord and the concentration of the efforts of men and women of all classes and parties upon the supreme object of national salvation. Owing to the policy of the Versailles

Council we had now got reasonable machinery for attaining co-ordination of effort. The essence of the new system was that we had got a permanent body of experts always sitting engaged on the study of war problems from the point of view of the alliance as a whole.

In conclusion Lord Milner said that he did not fear there would be seen in this country anything like the follies and excesses in Russia. Such revolutions destroy not despotism but democracy, which was perhaps on its greatest and final trial.

Hungary's Expenses For War Increasing

(Reuter's Agency War Service)
Zurich, February 21.—The Hungarian Minister of Finance stated in Parliament that, despite the cessation of hostilities on the Eastern front, the war expenditure of Hungary is rising, the present figures being £32,000,000 as compared with £28,000,000 last December.

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GERMANS IN COURT FOR REGISTRY LAPSES

One Fined \$20 For Failure To Report; Two Others Are Warned

Three Germans were charged in the Mixed Court yesterday for violation of enemy registration regulations. A fine of \$20 was assessed in one case. The case came before Assessor Grant Jones and Magistrate Kwan, Mr. K. E. Newman, Police Legal Adviser, appearing to prosecute.

Mr. T. Stewe, asked for reasons why he failed to report himself at Bubbling Well Station on six different occasions, said that he forgot to do so. He was cautioned and told that if he came up again he would be heavily fined or imprisoned.

In the case of Max Glocke, facing a similar charge, Sub-Inspector Aiers told of going to Glocke's home at 164 Bubbling Well Road to find out why he had not reported. After being kept waiting for a considerable time he saw Glocke leaving the house by a window and on inquiring why he did not report received the answer that the accused didn't have time. Glocke was fined \$20.

T. Eckhardt was charged with failure to register. The defendant is German born, was once a naturalized American, but lost his American citizenship by failure to register at the Consulate. He claimed German protection and was registered as a German protegee at the German Consulate. In reply to the court he said he had registered as an enemy subject at the office of the Commissioner of Foreign Affairs.

"That is not a registration," said the Assessor, "that is a farce. The only authorities you can register with inside the Settlement are the Municipal Police who are acting on behalf of the Chinese Government."

Eckhardt was ordered to register and said he had no objection to doing so.

French Victorious In Lorraine Raid

(Continued from Page 1)

and also the railway sidings at Courtrai, Ledeghem and Douai. We brought down seven enemy machines and drove down two. Three of ours are missing.

Six hundred and seventy-eight bombs were dropped last night, 800 of them on an aerodrome southeastward of Le Cateau which is used by the German night flying machines. Nineteen direct hits were obtained on the hangars. The remainder of the bombs were dropped on the aerodromes at Ghent and Tournai. One of our machines has not returned.

Field Marshal Sir Douglas Haig reported at noon:

A large party of the enemy raided two of our posts in the neighborhood of the Ypres-Roulers railway. A few of our men are missing.

The Belgians repulsed an attempted raid in the Merckem sector. A Belgian official communique reports:

After a violent bombardment detachments of the enemy attacked our advanced posts in the region of Kloostermolen. The enemy failed to reach our lines.

London, February 23.—Field Marshal Sir Douglas Haig reported at noon:

Scottish troops carried out a successful raid last night at Monchy-le-Preux.

There has been an hostile artillery bombardment in the neighborhood of the Menin Road and southward of Houthulst Forest.

Field Marshal Sir Douglas Haig reports this evening: We repulsed with losses to the enemy an attempted raid at Hill Seventy.

We drove off raiders northward of Poelcapelle.

Our patrols took some prisoners on different parts of the front. The hostile artillery has been active between Gouzeaucourt and the Valley of the Scarpe, at a number of points between Lens and Armentieres and northeast and north of Ypres.

Owing to the bad weather only a few flights were possible. London, February 24, noon.—Field Marshal Sir Douglas Haig reports:

We repulsed raiders in the neighborhood of Broodseinde.

There has been an hostile artillery bombardment in the Passchendaele sector.

Mr. Philip Gibbs, wiring from British Headquarters, says: Since we took over part of the French line about St. Quentin a few weeks ago, we have been gradually extending our front towards the right.

One can look at points straight across to the German lines where the River Oise and its canal are in the flats and marshes beneath our slopes. Here No Man's Land is sometimes a thousand yards wide, owing to the swamps due to the breaking of the canal bank. Behind the German outposts is the formidable trench system which forms part of the Hindenburg Line between St. Quentin and Laon. Southeast of the Oise the ground rises to St. Gobain Ridge, which is a high rampart in the German Lines.

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News Briefs

The marriage of Mr. Walter A. Mitchell, representative of Messrs. Andersen, Meyer in Shanghai, to Miss Miriam G. Mazorofsky took place last Thursday in the Russian Municipal Buildings, Tientsin. Mr. Mitchell was formerly in the Shanghai office of Messrs. Andersen, Meyer and was well known here. Mr. and Mrs. Mitchell have gone to Mukden for their wedding trip and will make their home in Tsinanfu.

The Race Course will be open for training on March 1. Notice to that effect has been given by the secretary of the Shanghai Race Club.

Lieutenant E. S. Little, son of Mr. E. S. Little of Messrs. Brunner, Mond and Co., Ltd., has been promoted to captain in the 12th Battalion Rifle Brigade, with which he has been fighting in all the late big battles on the Western front.

Supper dances for the benefit of the Fawley Company's audiences are announced by the Astor House management for tonight and Thursday night in the new Ball Room. Dancing will commence at 11 a.m. and reservations may be made by applying to the Superintendent of Service. Admission is \$1.50, including supper.

HSIUNG HSI-LING HERE

Former Premier Hsiung Hsi-ling, the present director of the Chihli Flood Relief and Conservancy Bureau, is in Shanghai, having arrived here Saturday. There is much speculation over the purpose of his visit here.

Shooting

'A' Co. British Cup Competition

"A" Company, British, fired their February Monthly Cup competitions yesterday, between 6.30 and 8 a.m., the conditions being 5 shots at 500 yards, Bisley target, and 5 shots at Classification practice No. 8 at the same range, no sighting shots allowed. The light was rather thick, with a variable wind blowing between four and seven o'clock. The attendance was rather poor in spite of the comfortable temperature.

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Obituary

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John Gregory, son of Mr. and Mrs. R. H. Gregory, five years old, died at 9 o'clock last night.

Gets Year In Prison For Killing Man With Auto

Charged with manslaughter for causing the death of one Kau Nyi-sz by recklessly driving his motor-car, a Chinese student named Zee Zah-yau, was convicted and given one year's imprisonment yesterday at the Mixed Court.

Engineering Society Has Meeting Today

A paper entitled "Some Notes on Electricity Supply for China" will be read before the Engineering Society of China today by Mr. W. J. Williams. The meeting will be held in the Royal Asiatic Society's rooms at 5.30 p.m.

3 U. S. AIRMEN KILLED

Fort Worth, February 13.—Lieutenant Peyton March, a son of Major General Peyton C. March, chief of staff, fractured his skull in an aviation accident. Hopes for his recovery are slim.

Lake Charles, February 13.—Lieutenant L. P. Plummer, U. S. A., was killed while flying.

Memphis, February 13.—Two aviation corps cadets while practicing flying collided in midair. Both were killed.

VON KUHLMANN LEAVES FOR BUCHAREST PARLEY

Rumanian Leaders Already There And Count Czernin Expected Shortly

(Reuter's Agency War Service)
Amsterdam, February 22.—An official message from Berlin states that Baron von Kuhlmann is leaving for Bucharest.

The Rumanian Premier and Generalissimo, Averescu, has arrived at Bucharest to meet Baron von Kuhlmann. Count Czernin is expected shortly.

Amsterdam, February 21.—A message from Berlin states that Baron von Kuhlmann's departure for Rumania has been postponed owing to the new Rumanian situation.

Today's Dance Program

The following program of dance music will be played by the Band at the Town Hall this afternoon, beginning at 5.30:

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IMPARTIAL AND PROGRESSIVE

SHANGHAI, FEBRUARY 26, 1918

The German March On Petrograd

THIS situation in Russia becomes
more chaotic and confusing
daily, even hourly. In an effort to
bring the new German invasion to
a halt, the panic-stricken Bol-
sheviki Government, fully engaged
in fighting its own people in order
to retain power, hastily notified the
German Government of its accep-
tance of the peace terms which but
a few days before it had scornfully
rejected.

But this notification was not
enough. The German armies al-
ready were in motion advancing on
Petrograd and penetrating other
portions of the rapidly crumbling
Russian Empire, and up to the hour
of going to press the German Gov-
ernment has given no intimation
of an intention to stop their victori-
ous operations. On the contrary
there is evidence of a determination
to exact still severer terms. Herr
Stresemann, speaking for the Na-
tional Liberals, is insisting that the
Berlin Government order the Bol-
sheviki to evacuate Finland, Est-
honia, Livonia and the Ukraine.
The Central Powers, naturally, are
especially interested in the Ukraine.
It is from that reputed storehouse
of food and petroleum that the
Germans hope to replenish their
empty granaries. And in that dis-
trict the Bolsheviks seem to be put-
ting up their stiffest fight.

According to late telegrams, the
Council of People's Commissaries,
having failed to induce Germany to
stop the present invasion, is making
a strenuous effort to reorganise
the Russian army for the defense
of the empire against the Germans.
Too late they are beginning to
understand that they have been
tricked by the Germans. They are
now to pay the price, whatever
price the Germans care to exact,
apparently, for their treachery to
the Allies. They have ruined
Russia and have created a situa-
tion of extreme difficulty for the
Allies.

On the other side of the ledger
is the interesting statement made
in the Japanese Parliament by
Baron Motono, the Japanese Minis-
ter for Foreign Affairs. "Should
peace actually have been concluded
between Russia and Germany," he
said, "it goes without saying that
Japan will take steps, the most de-
cided and the most adequate, to
meet the occasion."

This statement on first glance ap-
pears somewhat cryptic but it may
be interpreted as meaning that
Japan is now willing to use her
army to help the Allies. And if
the Bolsheviks in their extremity,
and now that their eyes are fully
open, should invite the Japanese to
go to their assistance, the latter
probably would do so. There is ap-
parently no other path open to the
Bolsheviks. If they would save their
country and the revolution.

WOMAN SUFFRAGE

A Story Of Snobs

By Frederic J. Haskin

It has at last come to be a generally
accepted fact that woman suffrage is
inevitable; not because of the recent
action of Congress on the amendment
to the constitution, but because the
movement has now gained such force
of momentum that it is not to be
checked.

"Woman suffrage," said President
Wilson in his speech to women
suffragists at Atlantic City, "is going
to prevail, and that is a very super-
ficial and ignorant view of it which
attributes it to mere social unrest. It
is not merely because the women are
discontented. It is because the women
have seen visions of duty, and that is
something which we not only cannot
resist, but, if we be true Americans,
we do not wish to resist."

The fact that suffrage has already
been granted to women in twelve
states appears to afford the best hope
for the passage of the federal amend-
ment. It is not what women have
done for the nation but what they
have done for themselves that has
impressed Congress. For they now
cast electoral votes in a fourth of the
states—a circumstance which no
political party can afford to ignore.
Neither Democrats nor Republicans
will care to have the woman vote
against them in another presidential
election. At least, that is what the
women are counting on, and they
have not been at all backward in
bringing this aspect of the matter to
the attention of party leaders.

"If the women of the country are
not enfranchised by 1920," Mrs.
Carrie Chapman Catt, President of
the National American Woman Suff-
rage Association, told the con-
gressional committee on woman
suffrage, "no political party can
control Congress, or occupy the
White House, that is not pledged to
the federal amendment."

Mrs. Catt did not say this with an
air of bravado; but as one stating a
fact. In spite of the nervous ten-
sion incident to the passage of the
amendment, the suffragists are
curiously calm. They pray that the
amendment may go through, but
one gathers that they would not be
overcome with discouragement if it
did not. One gathers, in fact, that a
good suffragist is never confused or
discouraged by a snub or dis-
appointment—for the woman suf-
frage movement has been raised on
snubs.

Mrs. Abigail Adams, was the
first American woman to be snubbed
on the question of woman suffrage
on which she took a somewhat
courageous stand as early as 1776.
Ladies did not make public
addresses in those days, and the best
Mrs. Adams could do was to re-
monstrate with her husband—one of
the fathers of democracy.

"I long to hear that you have de-
clared an independence," wrote
Mrs. Adams to her spouse, "and, by
the way, in the new code of laws
which I suppose it will be necessary
for you to make, I desire you would
remember the ladies and be more
generous and favorable to them than
were your ancestors. Do not put
such unlimited power in the hands
of husbands. Remember all men
would be tyrants if they could. If
particular care and attention are
not paid to the ladies we are deter-
mined to foment a rebellion, and
will not hold ourselves bound to obey
any laws in which we have no voice
or representation."

Mrs. Adams' letter was not made
public, and the fathers in drafting
the constitution carefully ignored
the ladies, who were not told that
they could not vote but were not told
that they could. New Jersey alone
gave the franchise to "all inhabi-
tants worth \$250," regardless of sex,
but in 1897 this was changed so as
not to apply to women. Massachu-
setts as a colony had permitted
women holding property to vote,
but the privilege was rescinded after
the revolution.

Occasionally, from this time on
an early feminist rose up and de-
clared her rights, but women as a
whole did not seem to realize their
lack of representation in the govern-
ment until the World's Anti

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The Convalescent's Return

By Frederic Boutet

(Translated by William L. McPherson)

The following story is in M. Boutet's delicate, and the impression it gives gravity and self-restraint which is He is a master in the treatment of experience—in little flashes which No relation is more appealing than and the devoted women who nurse which contains elements of romance Boutet's hands, in this instance, it pleasant, unselfish and tinged recently published a volume of short

best manner. It has humor and is heightened by the fine sense of never missing in this author's writing. Little out-of-the-way phases of war illuminate the background of the war, that between the wounded soldier him back into life. Here is a situation pathos and even melodrama. In M. yields a sparkling little piece of with gentle irony. M. Boutet re- war stories entitled "Those Who Wait

for them." In speaking of this collection the literary editor of L'Humanité justly remarked a couple of months ago: "Here one finds again the sober manner of M. Frederic Boutet, who seeks to produce his effects by presenting the realistic side of things, not by exciting artificially the imagination and nerves of the reader."

Quitting the little suburban railway station, Pierre walked along the main road at a rapid pace. He was very excited and very happy. He was going to see her again. He pictured in advance the surprise and joy of the young woman, and now he no longer had the doubts which, after his separation from her, had at first tormented him. By dint of recalling the incidents of the past he was more and more persuaded that he did not exaggerate their significance. His hope had become a certainty.

When he saw from afar the wrought iron gate of the park and the house among the trees he gave a start. He had passed there, only a few months ago, so many hours of atrocious suffering and anguish, and then so many hours of ravishing joy, returning to life alongside of her. But he felt a sudden disquietude. Maybe she was not there any longer. He hurried to the gate, and when they told him that she had come that day, as usual, and that she was in the park, he experienced a thrill of the profoundest delight.

He plunged into the overgrown pathways, wild and charming with their rank grasses and their deep shade, athwart which the afternoon sun shot, through the tall trees, some brilliant shafts of sunlight.

Pierre stopped suddenly. He saw a short way off the very person whom he was seeking. He stood motionless. She was in the same spot to which they used to come the autumn before. She was seated on the bench on which they had sat so many times, side by side. But she was not alone. A wounded man was beside her, just as he himself used to be beside her.

Cautiously, on tiptoes, gliding behind the bushes, he drew near and, concealed behind a clump of trees in the rear of the bench, he watched and listened. And he was so upset

that he feared the beating of his heart would disclose his presence.

Presently the young woman got up and led the wounded man back to the house, where she turned him over to a nurse. Pierre, taking another path, followed her, and when he saw her alone he approached and greeted her.

"Madame," he began, in a voice almost choked with emotion.

She turned her head toward him. He thought that she was prettier than ever, but in the tender and serious eyes which were bent upon him he saw only an expression of indifference.

"Monsieur?" she said, in a questioning tone.

Turning pale, he cried out, brokenly: "Don't you recognise me?"

She was evidently surprised, and hesitated for a few seconds. Then her countenance cleared.

"Ah, yes, yes, Pierre Marsier. Now I remember you very well. You were under treatment here six months ago. And your arm—is it better? You were seriously wounded in the arm and breast, weren't you?"

"Yes. My arm is better. It is still weak and its strength will never come back completely. But it gives me no trouble."

He stopped short. It was not to talk of his wounds that he had come back. And after a minute, his face contracted into a frown, he repeated: "You did not recognise me?"

"I did not expect in the least to see you—and in your civilian clothes. Now that you are no longer a soldier, have you gone back to your business? You were in a bank, I believe?" she asked in a tone of cordial interest.

"No, I am engaged in industry," he murmured.

Side by side they walked a few steps down the path, and the young woman began again, very amiably: "And it occurred to you to come

back to our hospital? That was very courteous." Pierre halted and looked her straight in the face.

"I came back to see you—you!" She gave a little start. He continued:

"Yes. And I almost thought you would be expecting me. You were so devoted, so sweet, so good, so tender to me. Don't you remember? And the hours which we spent together—and our conversations? Then I believed. When I went away from here I was not able to have a talk with you because you were ill and you didn't come to the hospital for some time. I have been in the South and I couldn't write. For that matter, I preferred to come back in person. And you didn't recognise me! And on getting here I saw you seated on the bench—on our bench—with another wounded man."

"Well, what of that?" she asked in astonishment.

"I got up close to you. I hid myself in the bushes in order to see you and hear you. You said to him the same words which you said to me. You had for him the same soft and affectionate manner—the same smile as you had for me. He held your hand just as I had held it."

"Well, what of that?" she said again very calmly.

"What of that? What of that? Don't you understand? I had fancied—I had hoped—I thought that you were not indifferent to me. I knew that you were free and were alone, as I was. I came back to make a proposal to you and I find you exactly the same with others as you were with me."

The young woman reddened slightly and a look of sternness came into her eyes.

"M. Marsier," she said, "I exert myself to console in some measure those who have no one else to console them and who have need of tenderness and affection while they are struggling back to life."

He made no answer. He realised all the injustice of his reproaches. He realised that he had been deceived in fancying that she loved him just because he loved her and in taking her compassion for tenderness. But he realised above all the bitterness of his own disappointment.

"But see here," she continued very gently, "you know very well that there was never anything in my words or actions which could have led you to believe—I took care of you to the best of my ability. Naturally I was sympathetic. You were a wounded man."

"Yes, a wounded man—like the others," he replied, sardonically. "But now you no longer need me. You are cured."

She held out her hand to him very graciously. Then she turned and re-entered the hospital.

But he walked away across the park, looking back with envy to his days of suffering and convalescence.

The L.-C. s.s. Tuckwo left Hankow for Shanghai yesterday.

The C.N. s.s. Tatung left Hankow for Shanghai yesterday.

The N.K.K. s.s. Sulyang Maru left Hankow for Shanghai yesterday.

The H.O. s.s. Changon left Hankow for Shanghai yesterday.

The C.N. s.s. Yingchow left Hongkong for Shanghai on Sunday.

The C.N. s.s. Wuchang will leave Hankow for Shanghai today.

The C.M. s.s. Kiangfoo will leave Hankow for Shanghai today.

The N.K.K. s.s. Fengyang Maru will leave Hankow for Shanghai today.

The C.M. s.s. Kiangwah will leave Hankow for Shanghai tomorrow.

The C.N. s.s. Tungting will leave Hankow for Shanghai tomorrow.

The N.K.K. s.s. Tachi Maru will leave Hankow for Shanghai tomorrow.

The C.N. s.s. Sulyang will leave Hongkong for Shanghai today.

The C.N. s.s. Sinkiang will leave Hongkong for Shanghai on Thursday, February 28.

The N.Y.K. Osaka Shanghai line s.s. Chikuzen Maru, with mails left Moji for Shanghai on Sunday, and may be expected to arrive at Wayside Wharf today, about noon. She will be dispatched for Moji on Thursday, February 28.

Siccawei Weather Report

24.—Hazy or misty and cloudy, but fine and mild weather with moderate and variable breezes. The barometers have risen in the North, and moderately fallen in our regions.

25.—Fine mild weather with southerly breezes. Barometers still falling.

Monday February 25, 1918.

WEATHER 4 a.m. 9 a.m.

Bar. at Centg. mm.	771.09	772.45
Bar. at Centg. inches.	30.36	30.41
Variation mm for 24h	11.93	12.89
Variation mm for 21h	15.00	13.98
Wind—Direction	N	W
Wind—Kilom per hour	13	10
Wind—Miles	8.1	6.2
Temperature—Cen	37.9	67.5
Temperature—Fah	37.4	43.7
Humidity: co	95	60
Nebulosity 5-10	0	0
Rainfall mm	—	—
Rainfall inches	—	—

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The N.Y.K. s.s. Taisei Maru left Hankow for Shanghai on Sunday.

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FINANCIAL AND COMMERCIAL NEWS

Exchange and Bullion

Shanghai, February 25, 1918.

Money and Bullion

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@ 104=Ths. 98.15
@ 72.1=Mex. \$133.36

Mex. Dollars Market rate: 71.5375

Dragon Dollars: native bank rate
Shai Gold Bars: 978 touch Tls. 278

Bar Silver 481d.

Copper Cash per tael 1813

Sovereigns:

Buying rate @ 4/2d.=Ths. 4.75
exch. @ 72.1=Mex. \$6.59

Peking Bar Ths. —

Native Interest30

Latest London Quotations

Bar Silver 421d.

Bank Rate of Discount 5%

Market rate of discount:—

1 m-s %

4 m-s %

6 m-s %

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Ex. Paris on London Fr. 27.25

Ex. N. Y. on London T.T. \$4.76

Consols 1 —

Exchange Closing Quotations

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India Demand 4/2d

Paris T.T. 27 1/2

France Demand 57 1/2

New York T.T. 100 1/2

New York Demand 100 1/2

Hongkong T.T. 99 1/2

Japan T.T. 51 1/2

Batavia T.T. 22 1/2

Banks Buying Rates

London 4 m/s. Cds. 4/4d.

London 4 m/s. Doey. 4/4d.

London 6 m/s. Cds. 4/8d.

London 6 m/s. Doey. 4/8d.

Paris 4 m/s. 80 1/2

New York 4 m/s. 104 1/2

Customs Home Exchange Rates

For February

Ex. Ths. 4.31 @ 4/3d

1 @ 581 = Exchs. 6.47

1 — Marks 2.18

1 @ 101 1/2 Gold 1.15

1 @ 51 Yen 3.55

1 @ 15 Roubles 1.50

1 @ 1.50 Mex. \$1.50

Stock Exchange

Shanghai, February 25, 1918.

TODAY'S QUOTATIONS

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Laou Kung Mow Pays Dividend

The twenty-fourth general meeting of shareholders of the Laou Kung Mow Cotton Spinning and Weaving Co., Ltd. was held yesterday afternoon at the office of the General Managers, Messrs. Hbert & Co.

Mr. E. C. Pearce presided and there were also present Messrs. C. M. Bain, E. L. Ezra and Chung Liang-yu (directors), and other shareholders representing altogether 2,517 shares.

The secretary having gone through the usual formalities, the chairman rose and said:

"Gentlemen—The report and accounts having been in your hands for some few days, we will with your permission adopt our usual procedure and take them as read."

"Your board, at the end of the unfortunate year 1916, the accounts for which showed a carry forward of a debit in Profit and Loss account of Tls. 106,034.25, had no enviable task before them and had in consequence to exercise the utmost care and supervision over the general management of the mill."

"The efforts of your board, although in a measure somewhat handicapped by so heavy a debit balance, are able to lay before you today what they venture to consider a fairly satisfactory position of affairs. The result of the year's working is that we have been able to wipe out the loss sustained in 1916 and over and above that sum have a balance on the credit side of Profit and Loss account of Tls. 47,072.59 which your board now recommends should be dealt with as published in the report now before you: viz:—

	Tls.
A dividend of Tls. 2.50 per share absorbing	20,000.00
Depreciation in Plant and Machinery	20,477.14
General Manager's Commission	2,559.54
Carry Forward to 1918 account	3,935.91
	Tls. 47,072.59

"Although the outturn may be considered satisfactory for day work only, we have not been entirely free from our troubles, affecting as they did the internal working of the mill. The last time I had the pleasure of addressing you, I informed you that owing to the difficulties we were experiencing in securing good night labor we had last February to resume day work only. From then up till June our production was anything but satisfactory, being hampered from time to time by inferior workmanship and petty annoyances by the hands, this course of affairs gradually culminating in a rather serious strike during the month of July, and which disturbance prevented any further idea from being put forward for the resumption of night work; this unfortunately occurred when the yarn trade was experiencing a boom in prices such as has not taken place since spinning was first started in Shanghai. However, in September matters commenced to mend and our daily production showed a marked improvement until the end of the year. At this point I do not consider it out of place to record the extraordinary unexpected boom that occurred last July, the peculiar position being brought about by an exceptionally bullish speculative movement, engineered by heavy buying on the part of Japanese speculators, but not in any way supported by special inquiry from the consuming districts or by Chinese operators. The upward movement in yarn commenced about the end of June and continued throughout July, when 20's yarn reached from anything between Tls. 220 to Tls. 240 per bale. The cotton market also advanced in like measure, ordinary Shanghai touching Tls. 38.00 per picul. During the middle of August the downward trend started and by the end of September 20's were down to about Tls. 130. During September speculators commenced to pay some of their differences and about the middle of that month the yarn market may be said to have assumed its normal condition. In December our Mill Manager, Mr. Fairhurst, tendered his resignation, which was accepted by your board, the position being filled by Mr. Webster who took over charge of the working of the mill on January 2. It is to be hoped the effect of a new management, so soon as it is properly established, will mean that our labor trouble will be a matter of past history and that the future working of the mill will prove more satisfactory from a dividend paying point of view than in the last few years. Day and night work was recommenced on the night of the 21st and 22nd instant."

"Taking the position of your assets, you will notice, if you kindly turn to the accounts, that a building account has been added a sum of Tls. 8,111.90, being the cost of the necessary building for your weaving extension, bringing as it does the value of your buildings up to Tls. 163,811.90, a figure which, I need hardly say, is a very conservative value for a mill building of our present capacity, when you bear in mind the excessive cost of building in these days."

"With regard to your machinery, a plant of 40,096 spindles stands in your books at Tls. 357,477.14 and if you approve of your board's recommendation this sum will be reduced to Tls. 337,000—roughly speaking Tls. 8 per spindle—against an original cost of Tls. 18 per spindle. Your board is satisfied that the close supervision and constant overhauling of the machinery exercised during the year have enabled us to keep the machinery in good condition, the best test of this being the substantial increase in production per spindle during the months October to December, which we are glad to state is still maintained. The care of your

plant has the constant attention of your Mill Manager and Mr. Webster in any suggestions he may make for the complete upkeep of the mill will at all times be most carefully considered by your board.

"Weaving machinery appears in your accounts this year for the first time and represents the cost of 110 looms as well as a portion of the necessary accessories out of an order placed for 200 looms reported at our last meeting. Since closing these accounts a further 20 looms have arrived and are now erected. Certain portions of this order as well as the slasher machine were unfortunately lost on their way out, otherwise your board were in hopes that today they could have informed you that the weaving plant was in operation. The order for another slasher machine was immediately put in hand and should arrive here next month, when it is anticipated that our looms will be working very shortly afterwards."

"Turning to your working account, repairs and renewals, Tls. 20,295.66, may appear at first sight to be rather heavy, but I should explain they include the complete repair of the roof of your mill building which suffered particularly badly during the severe hail-storm last May and cost a sum of Tls. 7,000."

"Other items in the account, I do not think call for any special comment on my part."

"I have from time to time frequently addressed you from this chair on the subject of an evil all mills have to contend against. I refer to the method of the Chinese in watering their raw cotton. Mr. Johnson, the American cotton expert, who is attached to the Chinese Ministry of Agriculture, favored us with a visit last Autumn and I sincerely trust that after having been on the spot and for himself realized the difficulties that Cotton Testing House have to contend with will be enabled to lay the facts of this adulteration before the Chinese Ministry and that the authorities in the cotton growing areas will be instructed to severely punish anyone discovered watering cotton as a means of profit. The trade has surely suffered long enough from this evil and it behooves therefore the Chinese Government to take steps in their own interests as well as for all eradicate a malicious evil that is severely damaging so important a trade."

"This, gentlemen, concludes my remarks, but before proposing the resolution asking you to adopt the report and accounts I shall be pleased to answer any questions you may have to put, to the best of my ability."

No questions being asked, the following resolutions were put forward and carried:—

1. That the Report and Accounts as presented be passed—Proposed by Mr. E. C. Pearce and seconded by Mr. C. M. Bain.
2. That Messrs. E. L. Ezra and Chung Liang-yu be re-appointed directors of the Company. Proposed by Mr. D. M. Gubbay and seconded by Mr. J. M. Joseph.
3. That Mr. C. P. Ingrove be re-elected auditor. Proposed by Mr. E. Joseph and seconded by Mr. D. M. Gubbay.
4. That the next general meeting be held during either the month of February or March. Proposed by Mr. E. C. Pearce and seconded by Mr. Chung Liang-yu.

Trade And Finance

(From The Analyst)

The disappearance of practically all gold and silver in Portugal has placed the country on a paper basis. New notes of 5, 10, and 50 centavos have been issued by the Bank of Portugal, and small coins of 1 and 4 centavos have been put in circulation to relieve the shortage of small change, according to Consul General W. L. Lowrie at Lisbon. The Bank of Portugal's latest statement, made October 17, showed the total issue of paper money to be as follows: Gold notes, 156,979,813 escudos; silver notes, 16,772,947 escudos; copper notes, 9,670 escudos, making a total of 172,822,430 escudos. The metal reserve was 12,925,179 escudos.

Recently published statistics relating to Spanish manufactures show that there are 60,085 factories, mills, foundries, and other industrial plants in Spain, excepting the Vizcayan and Navarre Provinces, a number that has lately been further augmented, according to Consul General Carl B. Hurst at Barcelona.

Shanghai Tug and Lighter Co. Meets

The fifteenth annual general meeting of the Shanghai Tug and Lighter Company, Ltd., was held yesterday afternoon in the offices of the agents, Messrs. Wheelock and Co., 2 French Bund, Mr. J. Prentice, chairman of the board of directors, presiding. Shares to the number of 5,573 were represented and there were present Messrs. W. A. Carlson, T. E. Wheelock, B. A. Clark, A. L. Anderson, W. J. N. Dyer, F. N. Mathews, T. W. Mitchell (secretary), H. A. J. Macray, W. S. Jackson, E. T. Byrne and W. W. Cox.

The chairman's speech follows: "Gentlemen: We regret very much that owing to illness from which we trust he may soon recover, our co-director, Mr. Geoffrey M. Wheelock, is unable to be with us today."

"The reports and accounts having been in your hands for some time, with your permission we will take them as read. We consider that under the abnormal conditions of shipping during the year, the result of the year's working is very satisfactory. In the balance sheet:—

"Less: Sales during the year, minus improvements amounting to Tals. 61,520.00, is what was received for the sale of the steam Lighter Walting less the amount spent in improvements to two Lighters which had been thoroughly repaired out of Working Account. Depreciation. Tals. 25,000.00 have been written off."

"Investments—Local. Tals. 15,688.00—Tals. 15,000.00 of this is the first instalment paid on 1,500 shares in The Far Eastern Insurance Co., Ltd., and the liability of Tals. 15,000.00 mentioned in the note is the amount of the final instalment since paid, so that we now hold 1,500 fully paid up shares of a value of Tls. 30,000.00 in that company. The Tals. 688.00 is for shares in The Shanghai Telephone Co., Ltd."

"We were pleased to have been able to purchase during the year 12,000-0-0 of 5% Exchequer Bonds and Straits Dollars 100,000.00 of the Straits 6% War Loan, which cost us Tals. 11,031.69. This as you will have noticed in the Note is approximately Tals. 2,000.00 in excess of market value, but as our intention is to keep them until redeemed, we need not at present take this into consideration."

"After having written off for depreciation Tals. 25,000.00 and reserved Tals. 6,030.05 for doubtful debts, there remains Tals. 196,787.91 for distribution, which we recommend should be dealt with as follows:—

"Pay a dividend of 7% on preference shares	35,000.00
Pay a dividend of 15% on ordinary shares	75,000.00
Place to General Reserve	50,000.00
Carry forward to New Account	36,787.91

"Regarding the payment of 15% on the ordinary shares, when the capital of the company was in 1910 reduced by Tals. 500,000.00 by writing down the value of the ordinary shares from Tals. 50.00 to Tals. 25.00, the then chairman at the meeting on March 31, 1910, when the reduction was agreed to, said: 'The reduction of the capital will in no way affect the earning power of the company and should not affect the market value of your shares for it should make little difference whether one has a Tael 50.00 share on a 7% basis or a Tael 25.00 share on a 14% basis, and we hope to pay this latter dividend this year.'

"The dividends paid since then for the years 1910 to, and including 1916, on the ordinary shares averaged for the seven years 6.57% and with the 15% we propose to pay for 1917, the average for the eight years will be 7.625%."

"The dividend of 7% on the preference shares has always been paid."

"The placing of Tals. 50,000.00 to the general reserve fund will bring it up to Tls. 100,000. This fund was started last year (1916) and as I told you at last meeting this fund would be available for the payment or equalisation of dividends, or any other purpose the directors may decide in the interests of the company."

"The agents report the fleet has of course been maintained in the usual first class condition: the cost of all repairs have been charged to Working Account."

"The Ramson has been requisitioned by the Government and was handed over on January 29."

"Directors: Mr. Barrett joined the Board during the year and his appointment has to be confirmed. Messrs. Tibbey and Wheelock retire but offer themselves for re-election."

"The auditors: Messrs. Lowe, Bingham and Matthews retire but offer themselves for re-election."

"Before moving the adoption of the report and accounts, I will be pleased to answer any question to the best of my ability."

Following the reading of the first resolution, "that the report and accounts be accepted and passed," Mr. Anderson proposed an amendment to the effect that the fee of the directors be raised to Tls. 1,000 for the past year, they having in 1910, when the company was in shallow water financially, cut their fees. This was seconded by Capt. Carlson and unanimously passed."

The following additional resolutions were then passed, the first of these being altered to allow for the additional Tls. 2,500 which goes to the directors:

Proposed by Mr. Prentice and seconded by Mr. Tibbey, "that the balance at credit of profit and loss account, amounting to Tls. 194,787.91, be distributed as follows: to a dividend of 7 per cent on 10,000 preference shares, Tls. 35,000; to a dividend of 15 per cent on 20,000 ordinary shares, Tls. 75,000; to general reserve, Tls. 50,000; to carry forward, Tls. 34,287.91."

Proposed by Mr. Byrne and seconded by Mr. Carlson, "that Mr. E. G. Barrett be elected as a director of the company."

Proposed by Mr. Byrne and seconded by Mr. Clark, "that Messrs. Lowe, Bingham and Matthews be re-elected auditors."

It was proposed and carried that a bonus of 15 per cent be paid the staff, including the Chinese office staff.

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and each case entrusted to me will receive, as before, special attention, and every assistance rendered that is comprised within my profession. It is my one desire—and I think I have been successful so far—to give each patron FULL SATISFACTION.

I wish to tender to all patrons my hearty thanks for their past favors and assistance.

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In a Series of "New" and "Up to the minute" plays

Tonight Feb. 26th	Max Marcin's Drama of New York Life "The House of Glass" Featuring Miss Katherine Brown-Decker and Mr. Henry Mortimer.
Wednesday Feb. 27th	"It Pays To Advertise" By special arrangement with Colman and Barrett A Living Driving Business Truth, emphasized by timely suggestions and "Peppered" with the funniest combination of comedy, romance and social business principles. Everybody Knows "It Pays To Advertise" and every one is bound to feel happier and better equipped for the day's work after seeing the Frawley's play it.
Thursday Feb. 28th	Willard Mack's Success "KICK IN" The play that "Gripped" New York Audiences for two solid seasons.

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"The Home of Beautiful Pictures"

Programme for February 26th and 27th.

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A certain success last Monday as soon as the first reel had been screened. Artists you know that can act, and the plot is one that keeps you watching and wondering.

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President: JEAN JADOT
Gouverneur Societe Generale de Belgique.

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Interest allowed on Current Accounts Tael and fixed deposits according to arrangement.
Every description of banking and exchange business transacted.

M. DEMETS, Manager for China.

Hongkong & Shanghai Banking Corporation

Paid-up Capital \$15,000,000
Reserve Funds:—
Sterling £1,500,000 @ 2s. \$15,000,000
Silver 18,500,000
Total \$33,500,000

Head Office: HONGKONG
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London Bankers:
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Interest allowed on Current Accounts and on Fixed Deposits according to arrangement.
Local Bills Discounted.
Credits granted on approved Securities, and every description of Banking and Exchange business transacted.
Drafts granted on London and the chief commercial places in Europe, India, Australia, Africa, China, Japan and America.

A. G. STEPHEN, Manager.

Russo-Asiatic Bank

Capital (fully-paid) 55,000,000
Reserve Fund 26,000,000
Kpg. Tls.

Capital Contributed by the Chinese Government 3,500,000
Reserve Fund 1,750,000

Head Office: PETROGRAD.
Paris Office: 9, Rue Boudreau.
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Branches:
London: Messrs. Glyn, Mills, Currie & Co.
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Interest allowed on Current Accounts and Fixed Deposits in Tael, Dollars and Roubles. Terms on application.
Local Bills discounted. Special facilities for Russian Exchange.
Foreign Exchange on the principal cities of the world bought and sold.
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L. JEZERSKI, G. CARRERE, Managers for China.

The Bank of Canton, Limited.

Incorporated 1912.

Authorised Capital H.\$2,000,000
Subscribed and paid up Capital H.\$1,371,500
Reserve Fund H.\$ 120,000
Investment reserve fund H.\$ 20,000

Head Office: No. 6 Des Voeux Road, Hongkong.

Shanghai Office: No. 2 Ningpo Road.

Interest allowed on Current Accounts and Fixed Deposits according to arrangement.

Every description of Banking and Exchange business transacted.

C. C. WONG, Act. Manager.

The Bank of China

(Specially authorised by Presidential Mandate of 15th April, 1915)

Authorised Capital \$60,000,000.00
Paid-up Capital:—
Chinese Government 10,000,000.00
Chinese Mercantile Community 2,312,500.00
Total \$12,312,500.00
Reserve Fund 1,892,564.85

Head Office: PEKING.
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SHANGHAI BRANCH

Loans granted on approved securities. Local bills discounted. Interest allowed on Tael Current Accounts at 2 per cent per annum, on Dollar Current Accounts at 1 per cent per annum, and on Fixed Deposits at the following rates:
Interest allowed on Tael Current Accounts 3 months at the rate of 3 per cent per annum.
For 6 months at the rate of 4 per cent per annum.
For 12 months at the rate of 5 per cent per annum.

SUNG HAN CHANG, Manager.

Banque Industrielle de Chine

Capital Frs. 45,000,000
One-third of the Capital, i.e. Frs. 15,000,000, subscribed by THE GOVERNMENT OF THE CHINESE REPUBLIC

Statutes approved by the Government of the Chinese Republic on January 11, 1913.

President: Andre Berthelot.
General Manager: A. J. Pernotte.

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Every description of Banking and Exchange business transacted.
Savings accounts in Gold and Local currency.

G. LION, Manager.

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Head Office: YOKOHAMA, JAPAN.

Capital Subscribed Yen 48,000,000
Capital Paid-up 36,000,000
Reserve Fund 22,100,000

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SHANGHAI BRANCH
Interest allowed on Current Accounts and Fixed Deposits in Tael and Dollars, according to arrangement.

Drafts granted on principal places in Japan, Korea, Formosa and China and the chief commercial places in Europe, India and America, and every description of Banking and Exchange business transacted.

K. KODAMA, Manager.

The Shanghai Commercial and Savings Bank, Ltd.

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Paid-Up Capital \$ 300,000.00
Reserve \$ 10,000.00
Deposits (June 30, 1917) \$1,590,000.00

Correspondents at principal cities in China, and domestic exchange a specialty.

Credits granted on approved securities. Bills discounted.

Current accounts in both tael and dollars with interest may be opened on application.

Particulars of interest allowed on fixed deposits, in both tael and dollars, will be furnished on request.

K. P. CHEN, General Manager.

International Banking Corporation

Capital & Surplus U.S. \$6,500,000.00
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H. C. GULLAND, Manager.

1a Klukiang Road, Shanghai.

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(NEDERLANDS TRADING SOCIETY.)

Established 1824.
Paid-up Capital:—
Gulden 60,000,000 (about £5,000,000)
Reserve Fund:—
Gulden 11,595,481 (about £966,388)

Head Office: AMSTERDAM.
Head Agency: BATAVIA

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London Bankers:
Union of London and Smith's Bank, Ltd.

Correspondents at the principal places in Europe, Asia, Australia and North America.

The Bank buys, sells and receives for collection bills of exchange, issues letters of credit on its branches and correspondents and transacts banking business of every description.
Current accounts kept in tael and dollars.
SHANGHAI INTEREST ALLOWED on current tael accounts and fixed deposits, according to arrangement.

B. G. J. WYNEBERG, Manager.

Hongkong & Shanghai Banking Corporation

Savings Bank Office: 12 The Bund, and 9 Broadway.

Deposits of not less than \$1. or over \$100, will be received at one time.

Not more than \$1,200 will be received in one year from any single depositor whose credit balance shall not at any time exceed the sum of \$5,000.

Interest at the rate of 3 1/2 per cent per annum will be allowed on the monthly minimum balance. Deposits may be withdrawn on demand. Accounts will be kept either in Mexican Dollars or Tael, at the option of the depositor.

Depositors will be presented with Pass Books in which all transactions will be entered. Pass Books must be presented when paying in or withdrawing money.

Office Hours—10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Saturday, 10 a.m. to 12 noon.

Commercial Bank of China

Head Office: SHANGHAI

Subscribed Capital Sh. Tls. 5,000,000
Paid-up Capital Sh. Tls. 2,500,000

Advances made on approved securities. Bills discounted.

Interest allowed on Current Accounts at 2 per cent per annum on daily balance. On Fixed deposits: For 3 months at 3 1/2 per annum. For 6 months at 4 per annum. For 12 months at 5 per annum. On Deposits in Dollars according to arrangement.

H. C. MARSHALL, Chief Manager.

The Mercantile Bank of India, Ltd.

Authorised Capital £1,500,000
Subscribed Capital 1,125,000
Paid-up Capital 562,500
Reserve Fund 600,000

Head Office: 15 Gracechurch Street, LONDON, E. C.

London Bankers:
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London Joint Stock Bank, Ltd.
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Shanghai Branch.
Every description of Banking and Exchange business transacted. Interest allowed on Tael Current Accounts at 2 per cent per annum and on Fixed Deposits at rates which may be ascertained on application.

R. D. YOUNG, Manager.

7 Nanking Road.

BANK OF COMMUNICATIONS

Specially authorised by Presidential Mandates of April 7th, 1914, and October 31st, 1916.

Capital: Kuping Tael 10,000,000

HEAD OFFICE: PEKING.
50 Branches and Agencies at principal commercial places in China.

SHANGHAI BRANCH
35 Sechen Road.

Interest allowed on both Current and Fixed Deposit Accounts; Credit granted on approved securities, and every description of Banking and Exchange business transacted.

H. TAO, Manager.

Y. M. CHIEN, Sub-Manager.



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SHANGHAI BRANCH
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Capital Yen 30,000,000
Capital (Paid-Up) Yen 18,750,000
Reserve Yen 2,800,000
Deposits Yen 150,000,000

President: Baron K. Sumitomo

Head Office: OSAKA.

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S. KASHARA, Manager.

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2356 General Office.

行銀字中 Chung Foo Union Bank

Statutes approved by the Government in 1916

Head Office: Tientsin
Capital \$2,000,000.00
Paid-up Capital \$1,000,000.00

Managing Director: SUN TAO SAN

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Shanghai Branch
441, Ningpo Road

Every description of Banking and Exchange business transacted.

Interest allowed on Current Accounts and Fixed Deposits according to arrangement.

Credits granted on approved securities.

Y. R. Sun, Manager.
W. D. ZAR, Sub-Manager.

Provision Prices in Local Market

Prices quoted are in Mexican dollars cents at Hongkong market as compiled on February 19, 1918.

Butcher's Meat
Beef per lb. 14-20
Mutton " 16-20
Pork " 25-30
Veal " 25-30

Fish
Bream per lb. 18-20
Cod " 18-20
Mackerel " 30-40
Pomfret " 20-25
Salmon " 16-18
Sardines " none
Soles " 16-18
Whitebait " none

Game, Poultry and Eggs
Deer each 1.50-2.00
Duck per doz. 60-80
Eggs per doz. 16-20
Fowl per lb. 20-25
Geese each 1.00-1.40
Hare " 35-40
Partridge " 40-50
Pheasant " 25-30
Pigeons " 10-12
Quail " 16-18
Snipe " 14-16
Turkey per lb. 30-35
Teal " 14-16
Wild Duck " 35-40
Wild Pigeons " 18-12
Woodcock " 50-60
Wild Geese " 40-50

Fruit
Appricots " none
Bananas " 6-7
Cherries " none
Cocoanuts each 15-16
Chestnuts per lb. 8-10
Figs per doz. none
Grapes per lb. none
Lemons each 6-8
Lichees per lb. none
Mangoes each none
Mangosteens per doz. none
Melons each none
Oranges per lb. 6-10
Peaches " none
Pears " none
Pineapples " none
Pineapples per lb. 10-12
Pears " none
Strawberries " none
Walnuts " 10-12

Vegetables
Artichokes per lb. 2-3
Asparagus per doz. none
Bamboo Shoots per lb. none
Broad Beans " none
Beetroot per bunch 1-2
Cabbage each 5-8
Celery per bunch 8-10
Carrots " 2-3
Cauliflower each 10-15
Egg Plant per lb. 6-8
French Beans " 20-24
Green Corn each none
Leeks per bunch 2-3
Mushrooms per lb. none
Onions per lb. 5-6
Peas " 10-12
Potatoes per pic. \$2.80-3.40
Pumpkins per bunch 3-4
Radishes per bunch 1-2
Spinach per lb. 3-4
Tomatoes " 8-10
Turnips per bunch 2-3

Grain and Flour

Flour American per 50 lb. \$6.00
Flour Australian per 50 lb. \$4.40
Flour Shanghai per 50 lb. \$2.85
Rice per 200 lb. \$7.40

Barley per 114 lbs. \$2.85
Bran " " \$2.05

Foreign dairies per bottle 20
Chinese dairies " 17

Fuel
House Coal per ton Tls. 19.50
Stove Coal per ton Tls. 21.75
Firewood per 50 bundles \$1.00

Chief Inspector:
E. KILNER.

BENJAMIN AND POTTS SHARE LIST Yesterday's Prices

STOCK **Quotations Closing**

Banks
H. K. and S. B. \$590
Chartered Bank \$71
Russo-Asiatic \$1.350

Marine Insurances
Canton Tls. 310 B.
North China Tls. 115 B.
Union of Canton Tls. 750 B.
Yangtze Tls. 3205 B.
Far Eastern Ins. Co. Ltd. Tls. 20 B.

Fire Insurances
China Fire \$128 B.
Hongkong Fire Tls. 310 B.

Shipping
Indo-China

"Sooner or later" is a smooth-sounding phrase, but the man who uses **Want Ads** knows that it pays to **DO IT NOW**.

Business and Official Notices

Naamlooze Vennootschap Maatschappij Tot Mijn-Bosch-En Landbouwexploitatie in Langkat

NOTICE is hereby given that the Annual Meeting of Shareholders will be held at the Chamber of Commerce Rooms, 1 Yuenning-yuen Road, on Tuesday, the 26th March, 1918, at 4 p.m.

The Transfer Books of the Company will be closed from the 19th to the 26th March, both days inclusive.

By Order of the Directors,
GEORGE McBAIN,
General Agents.
Shanghai, 23rd February, 1918.

Naamlooze Vennootschap Maatschappij Tot Mijn-Bosch-En Landbouwexploitatie in Langkat

NOTICE is hereby given that the Annual General Meeting will be held in the Offices of the Company, Tandjong Poera, Lower Langkat, Sumatra, at 10 a.m. on Saturday, the 27th April, 1918.

By Order of the Directors,
GEORGE McBAIN,
General Agents.
Shanghai, 23rd February, 1918.

SHANGHAI RACE CLUB

Spring Race Meeting, 1917

APPLICATIONS for Stabling, Saddle and Tiffin Rooms, also licences for Head Mafoos and Riding Boys for the half-year ending 31st August, 1918, must be forwarded to the undersigned before 6 p.m. on Saturday, 2nd March, 1918.

Application forms will be found on the notice-board in the Grand Stand.

The Courses will be open for Training on Friday, 1st March, 1918.

By Order of the Stewards,
A. W. OLSEN,
Secretary, Shanghai Race Club.
16951

NOTICE OF REMOVAL

Mrs. Bickerton has removed to Nos. 73, 74 and 75 Bubbling Well Road.

16959

The Chempedak Rubber and Gambier Estate, Limited

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Eighth Annual General Meeting of Shareholders in the above Company will be held at No. 10 Canton Road, Shanghai, TO-DAY, 26th February, 1918, at 4 p.m.

The Transfer Books of the Company will be closed from the 22nd to the 26th February, both days inclusive.

By Order of the
Board of Directors,
J. A. WATTIE & Co., Ltd.,
Secretaries & General Managers.
16765

"V" MODES

Blouses of Every Description
(over one hundred to select from)
Warm Dressing and Rest Gowns.
Thick Crepe de Chine Lingerie.
Viyella and Silk Pyjamas.
Children's Coats and Frocks.

"V" MODES

20, Nanking Road, 3rd floor

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NOTICE

SHANGHAI TOILET CLUB

(Palace Hotel Building)

SUBSCRIPTIONS

From March 1st, 1918

PAYABLE IN ADVANCE

Daily \$5.00

Every other day... \$4.00

Twice a week.... \$3.00

Including Hair Cut and Shampooing once a month only.

16949

NOTICE

The management of The Astor House Hotel announce that after the performance of the Frawley Company at the Lyceum Theater on Tuesday and Thursday evenings, February 26th and 28th, they will give a Supper Dance commencing at 11.00 p.m. Supper will be served in the New Ball Room.

For reservations, apply to Jacques Klass, Superintendent of Service, Astor House Hotel. Admittance \$1.50 including Supper.

Music, Astor House Orchestra.

CARGO FOR PORT SAID

will be accepted per the s.s. "CALCUTTA MARU."

For further information please apply to

The Nippon Yusen Kaisha,
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Telephone North 167.

16948

PALACE HOTEL

GRAND CONCERT

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No. 2435.

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The scrip will be issued in denominations of Tls. 1,000, Tls. 500 and Tls. 100 to suit the convenience of applicants.

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By order,
N. O. LIDDELL,
Acting Secretary.
Council Room,
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